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### MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional  
☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of  
pending prior Application No. 09/978,691 filed on October 18,  
2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by  
reference,  
by

Toshiya TAKAHASHI, Shinzo SEKO, Kazutaka KIMURA, Noriyuki DOI and  
Naoto KONYA

for

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING RETINOL AND INTERMEDIATE COMPOUNDS FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,  
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if  
applicable).

15915 U.S. PTO  
102003

16235 U.S. PTO  
10/687880

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2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$770.00	\$385.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	4-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4-3 =	1	x 86 = \$86.00	x 43 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$290.00	+ \$145.00
TOTAL			\$856.00	\$0.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$856.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. ☐ Enclosed is/are \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/978,691 on \_\_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b. ☐ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Sumitomo Chemical Company, Limited.
8. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. ☒ Priority of Application No(s). 2000-317546, 2000-317547, 2000-317548 and 2000-317549 filed in Japan on October 18, 2000 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on November 2, 2001.
- 9b. ☐ Priority of International Appln. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and \_\_\_\_\_

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35  
U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

10. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449  
form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's  
consideration.

11. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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12. ☐ An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_  
has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/978,691  
in order to establish co-pendency with the present  
application.

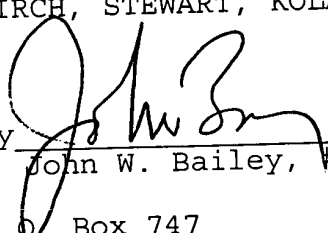
13. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

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concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any  
overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional  
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;  
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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